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## An Unfounded Report.

The following despatch was sent out from Toledo late Thursday night, and has been widely published by the Associated Press:

TOLEDO, July 25.

The abandonment of the last movement by the friends of Blaine of their intended opposition to the endorsement of Sherman by to-day's convention was due to the intervention of Blaine's lieutenants in the East. After the committee on the platform had finally decided last night to report Grosvenor's resolution, dispatches were received from the Eastern men saying that the question on the floor of the convention should be left advised and calculated to do more harm than good to Blaine's interests. Therefore they decided to let the question go by default. The Eastern advisers, it is said, were Messrs. Boutelle and Milliken.

We are personally authorized by Congressman Boutelle and by telegram from Congressman Milliken to make the most explicit and unequivocal contradiction of the report and to state that neither of those gentlemen has sent any communication, telegraphic or otherwise, on the subject.

Mr. Boutelle stated that he has never been in the habit of assuming authority to speak for Mr. Blaine, who does not manifest any signs of worrying about the Presidency. Certainly the action of no Republican delegate at Toledo was influenced by any message or suggestion from Mr. Milliken or Mr. Boutelle, who believes the Republicans of Ohio will prove entirely competent to wisely manage their own politics this year and next, and that any interests of Mr. Blaine in that State now or hereafter can safely be left in their hands.

The natural and reasonable explanation of the course of the opponents of the Sherman resolution in making no contest over it in the Convention, would seem to be found in the praiseworthy desire to avoid imperiling the success of the party this year by a quarrel over a subject that must be controlled after all by the voters of the Congressional districts in their conventions next year.

The Canadian officials have resumed operations against the Yankee fishing fleet because they have become convinced that the Cleveland Administration has no intention of enforcing the retribution bill.

The Democratic postmaster at Canfield, Ohio, has been fined \$700 short in his accounts and his bondsman had to make it good. He was appointed a little over a year ago, a soldier's widow being moved to make a place for him. This is the third Democratic postmaster caught stealing in Ohio within three months. The "rascals" are making the most of their opportunities.

The Portland *Argus* is much exercised over Mr. Blaine's trip abroad and winds up an amusing article with the remark:

"The American people will vote for an American citizen who believes in America and not Europe."

Mr. Blaine has been a standing grievance to the Democratic organs for many years, but this we believe is the first time he has been charged with any lack of Americanism. The *Argus* is evidently on the anxious seat.

The Mugwumps are waiting anxiously to see the President "tip out" those Baltimore Federal officials.—*Boston Journal*.

Judging from the past performances of the President they will be obliged to wait a long time. Mr. Cleveland is now bidding for a renomination and is not likely to incur the displeasure of so influential a machine politician as Senator Gorman to please a handful of men who will continue the servile apologetics of the President no matter how often or how grossly he violates his reform pledges. He has sufficiently tested the Mugwump contingent to feel perfectly safe of their votes in the next campaign.

The daily intelligence accumulates that the "war" on the President by the alleged "friends" of the soldier is about the most gigantic piece of political humbuggery and blundering that has been known in recent years.—*Philadelphia Telegraph*.

The boot is on the other foot. It is Mr. Cleveland who is making war on the soldiers and who enjoys the distinction of being the first President not on speaking terms with the old veterans. The attempt of the Mugwump admirers of the President to make light of his unhappy predicament is a little singular in view of the perturbed spirit they manifest whenever it is alluded to. The fact is they protest too much for the good of the weak cause they champion.

The New York Evening Post, which is the representative of the Administration, has vilified the Grand Army of the Republic, again trots out an anonymous writer under the head of a "soldier of distinction," who indorses its scandalous abuse of the old veterans. Such indorsements are easily manufactured, it is not necessary to go outside the editorial rooms of the Post for any number of them. Until the Post presents one of these alleged indorsements over the signature of a reputable soldier no one will for a moment believe that any man who participated with honor in the late rebellion would approve the dastardly attacks of his late comrades in arms that have appeared in the columns of that despicable sheet.

The New York *Herald* says that with Mr. Blaine the Republican party has a forlorn hope that it may once more possess itself of the federal patronage and be generous to its friends with the money of the people. Instead of sneering at the Republican party the *Herald* should give its readers a careful review of the work of the reform President who has made more changes in the public service in two years than any of his Republican predecessors made during their full term, and this, too, in spite of the fact that he pledged himself to abstain from all merely political changes. As to the people's money the Republican party rendered a good account of its stewardship during the twenty-five years it had control of the National Government, and although Mr. Cleveland has had his smelting committee in every department he has been unable to make good in a single instance the campaign cry of corruption so indubitably circulated in 1884 by the *Herald* and other blackmailing organs. Having been proved liars and defamers of better men than themselves by their own friends the editors of Mr. Cleveland's personal organs will have to find some new lies of their own, as they cannot baffle the people's mind.

The Boston *Post* thinks that something has been gained for reform when a convention demands, by Senator Gorman's machine, dues only to plead for the spoils, not demand them. "Please" or "Demand" Senator Gorman, this has far been entirely successful in working the Administration for all the patronage he has wanted in order to keep it matched in good running order. With Higgins, Rainey and Thomas representing the Administration in Baltimore it is hard to see just where the reform comes in.

Mr. George William Curtis has reached the conclusion that it is even more difficult to weaken Mr. Blaine's strength with the people than it is to remove Grover Cleveland's acts with his professions and recondite remarks:

Whether the friends of Mr. Sherman upon consultation with him decide to ask the Ohio convention to present him to the country as a candidate for President, I do not know, but the fact is that by no means can we do less than to do our duty to the public. We are not, however, to be afraid to do what the State officials have done in former years, get the best work obtainable, and employ, as they have done, the American company whose high standard in financial circles was well known. Having reached this conclusion, I do not believe that it is well to let any one encourage me to do other things than the work which I have decided upon.

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## MAINE NEWS.

## MR. BLAINE'S HEALTH.

He was Never Better than Now. — The Keene Journal will say to-morrow that the statement in the telegram from Washington to the Boston Herald, asserting that Mr. Blaine is a very sick man and suffering from a serious internal disorder, is absolutely false. A letter received in this city this week, written by Mr. Blaine, the bridge of Keene, N.H., July 15th, contains this statement:

"Mr. Blaine was never in better health than he has been on this trip. He is enjoying Scotland very well. He drives and walks daily and has several times dined at the grotto, a thing he has not done for weeks."

## STUCK BY LIGHTNING.

House and Barn Burned. — BIRDSWICK, July 29. A severe thunder-shower passed over this region last night about midnight. Lightning struck the house of Wellington Dredge, a farmer in Topsham, setting fire to and consuming the house and barn. He succeeded in saving most of his furniture, but lost the contents of the barn, including stock and farming utensils. It was partially insured.

Another House Burned. — Lightning also struck the house of John Whitcher, a farmer, in Topsham, consuming the house and furniture. The house is a widow. Loss and insurance unknown.

Several Places Struck by Lightning. — NORTON, July 29. A terrible shower passed here last evening. Lightning struck the stables of Amos F. Noyes, in Norton, and of Edwin Lamb, in Ostfield, the dwelling of S. E. Cole, in Paris Hill, and of Mrs. Howard, in South Paris and the stable of J. E. Bridging in Norway, killing a horse.

FROM GARDNER.

Tools Fresh of the Local Timers. — GARDNER, July 29. Gardner, Maine's booted banner town as regards general prosperity, if not rather keeping the lead of the time, capped the climax of rated conservatism Thursday evening by an attempted grand celebration in honor of the new "local" time clock. When the city clock was set on standard time, in compliance with the law passed by the Legislature, a few disgruntled citizens started a subscription paper for the purpose of establishing a new clock to be placed in the Methodist church belfry and run on standard local time. Being now complete, it is proposed to add to the exciting confusion of bells and whistles by ringing the church bell morning, noon and night on this time.

FROM FARMINGTON.

Died from Shock of Paralysis. — FARMINGTON, July 29. Capt. Frederick Stewart, one of Farmington's oldest and most respected citizens, was stricken with paralysis last week and died to-day at 10 a.m. Capt. Stewart for many years owned some of the most important stage lines in Maine. He was Assistant Quartermaster in the late war, has held the position of Sheriff of Franklin county and other offices. He leaves a widow and two children.

ACCIDENT AT MOONHEAD LAKE. — Two Men Drown Up While Boating. — LIVERPOOL, July 29. Two men were tightly moored while boating on the Canadian Pacific Railway, near East Liverpool, Moonhead Lake, this afternoon. One, the contractor, from Ashland, Mass., was thrown twenty-five feet, badly cut about the head and face, and severely gashed through the chest and shoulders. There are some hopes that his injuries may not prove fatal.

FROM WINTHROP.

Death of a Well-Known Citizen. — WINTHROP, July 29. Amos C. Hodgkins, a well-known wealthy citizen, died this afternoon after a painful illness. He was a man of eminent ability and widely known a lumber manufacturer.

FROM WASHINGTON.

News About the Capital. —

A Worthy Pension Claim Disallowed. — The Secretary of the Interior has denied the pension application of William Hedges, of the 2nd Indiana Volunteer. Hedges enlisted in the rebel army to escape starvation in the rebel prisons but deserted at the first opportunity and rejoined his old regiment.

BASE BALL.

Friday's Record.

New England League. — At Portland: Salem, 8; Portland, 6. At Worcester: Lowell, 7; Manchester, 7. At Lowell: Haverhill, 7; Lynn, 7. Game called in tenth inning.

National League. — At Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh, 2; Philadelphia, 1. At Indianapolis: Indianapolis, 23; Indiana, 6. At Detroit: Detroit, 8; New York, 5. At Chicago: Chicago, 11; Boston, 6.

THE TURF.

Some Good Time at Cleveland. — CLEVELAND, July 29. The free for all race was won by Arab, J. O. second, Barber-Hunt third. Best time 2:12.

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MASSACHUSETTS. — An Autopsy Being Held. — MELDEN, July 29. The body of Miss F. Lewis, who died recently in Florida, was exhumed to-day and an autopsy will be made to-morrow. The official report will be made to-morrow.

Ernest Whelpley aged twenty-one, was bitten by a dog a month ago. Last night hydrocephalus developed and he is not expected to live.

## THE TW. SWEEP.

Heavy Transportation Day Thursday.

By a Destructive Cyclone.

One Life Lost and Half of the Town Destroyed.

[Special Correspondent: The Whig and Courier.]

BAR HARBOR, July 29. About 10 A. M. Thursday, Sam Cook, who drives one of Hamor buckboards, drove to see one on C. W. Winship, the sweater at the Maine Central wharf, that in self protection he caught the horse and stopped him. This so incensed Cook that he beat Whiship over the head with his whip. He was once arrested and brought before Justice Foss. The hearing was set for this afternoon, and resulted in a verdict which was reached this evening, of a ten dollar fine and costs against Cook.

The new sewer is progressing slowly at Strawberry Hill, which it will probably take until the middle of September to get through the deep cut. The indications are now that it will cost the town twice as much as at first estimated, or \$20,000.

One of the stores in the new Wood building, on Cottage street, is already occupied by Capt. Roberts as a general store. Capt. Roberts is well known in all the coast towns as a trader. The other stores will probably be occupied within the next ten days as several parties have been looking at it with a view to renting.

J. M. Brown, of Roth, has opened a bakery and confectionery store in the new Brewer building, at the corner of Main and Cottage streets, and reporter's a good business.

Another Evidence of Increasing

prosperity is that outside parties should come here and hold openings, an instance of which was held by the widely

known firm of A. Guerin, of New York, whose robes and confederates were on exhibition for three days in the Rockwood House. Fred Johnson reports business at his restaurant and bakery, which are first class in every particular, as beyond his expectations. While there is not much being done in the real estate market, everything promises well for renewed activity in the fall. Mr. Leed, a friend of Mr. Charles T. Howes, has bargained for a piece of land containing ten acres, near the Owens, the price to be paid is not \$600 per acre. While the transaction is not completed the sale is assured. The Bar Harbor Real Estate Company have purchased a piece of land at Northeast Harbor upon which will soon begin the erection of a hotel block. The Whitmore brothers will build a hotel at Northeast Harbor this fall. Many of the cottagers and hotel guests come this year with the declared intent of remaining through September and some through October. Mr. Arthur T. Saunders intends keeping his popular hotel the Des Ile, open during the autumn months, yesterday was

A Heavy Transporter Day.

Waterbury, Vt., July 29. Sanford Eddy's barn, in Waterbury, containing three horses and forty tons of hay was burned to the ground. Loss \$200.

A Bad Fire at Nantasket Beach.

PROVIDENCE, July 29. The Rockwood estd. and Hamor half estd. were completely destroyed by fire last evening. The building was joined to the hotel by a long, covered passageway, and it was with great difficulty that the flames were prevented from reaching the hotel. The fire originated in the cook house, and spread to the rest of the building. The safe, a large truck, was bound for Boston Harbor. Thursday night after the fog had cleared up, and a number of them were bound for this city, to be sold at auction.

D. Moor and H. Hanson's new barge Flying Yankee will make its first appearance to-morrow, when it will run to Pusawau and return. It will accommodate twenty persons.

The Grand Trunk Railroad Company has just issued a handsome little volume with illustrations and descriptions of the various summer resorts on, and in connection with, its line.

The schooner Daniel Webster, owned in this city, was seen by a passing vessel last Thursday, high and dry on Brighouse Island, below Fort Point. She had run into the island in the fog.

A Universal's camping will be held at Milford Grove to-morrow and a special train will be run on the Maine Central to accommodate those who may wish to attend. It is expected that a number from this city will be present.

Rockland. — A week ago by a shower.

CONCORD, July 29. The brickyard of John E. Rice, Concord, was damaged \$500 by a shower this morning.

THE OAR.

Professional Regatta to Occur.

WATKINS, N. Y., July 29. A professional regatta is arranged to take place on Seneca Lake here on 24 and 25, for which Teimer, Barber, Hamlin and Courtney are already entered. A purse of \$700 is offered.

FOREIGN NEWS.

General Boulangier Challenges M. Ferry.

PARIS, July 29. Gen. Boulangier sent his seconds with a challenge to M. Ferry to fight a duel on account of the speech made by M. Ferry, attacking Boulangier.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPT. OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., July 29 (A.M.). Indications:

For Maine and New Hampshire: Local rains; winds generally weak; stationary temperature in eastern portion.

New Advertisements.

The firm of Blake, Barrows & Brown, whose advertisement appears this morning, is one of our best known and most prominent insurance agencies, representing American and European Companies who stand among the best in the world, not an rigs safety and the prompt payment of losses.

New white clover honey and fresh fruit at C. A. Averill & Co.'s.

Girl wanted at 9 Forest avenue.

Room, with board; also table board, a \$1. Hammon.

See notice of Abbot Family School.

H. N. Bragg & Sons.

H. N. Fairbanks gives an illustration of the value of life insurance. Agency of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Sweet potatoes and fresh fruit at James H. Snow & Co.'s.

Business Items.

Take a D. K. and be O. K. See ad. march 7.

Carter's Little Liver Pills have no equal in prompt and positive cure for Sicker, Bitterness, Constipation, Ulcer, & Co.

St. John Sun says that the freight rates to Boston on the New Brunswick Railway, which were increased when the Inter-State law went into force, have been put back to about the old figure, the Commissioners having decided that the competition by water route removed the railway from the operation of the law.

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